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SENATOR BRASHEAR: And don't we have a problem here in terms of standards of justice? And I'm not trying to...I'm just trying to pick a phrase that captures the sense of fairness, making a record, doing it right. And also, if everybody chooses to, aren't we undermining the gatekeeper concept by allowing everybody to go in and do a retrospective hearing evaluating the result?

SENATOR THOMPSON: What this bill does...and I haven't had...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...a chance to talk about some of those things, and I will on my next time, because this is going to take a little longer to answer. This...and I want to mention that I did have another bill that was heard by Judiciary Committee which set up a process like this. So this specific one didn't have a hearing, but that one did. And that was because of concerns that I spent time with judges over the summer of the status of the system today, and why they need the oversight of the plan that the department should be presenting, which they already have and already write. And so I just replicated the same process. And it does, it changes this significantly, and I agree with that. But it still preserves the department's right to name the specific placement, which I understood from my discussions with them was a...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Time.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...bone of contention.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: (Visitors introduced.) Senator Suttle, you are the next to speak.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. I rise to support the Thompson amendment. We talked about this a great deal in the...back in the nineties, when I was Chair of this particular task force, interim task force. One of the things that Senator Brown talked about was a meeting that occurred. And Senator Pedersen alluded to the fact that there were judges there. Some were there, some were on the